

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2008. Claims 54, 69, and 74 have been amended. Claims 61, 64, and 68 have been canceled. Claims 54-60, 62-63, 65-67, and 69-76 remain pending. No new matter has been added. Support for the claim amendments can be found in claims 61, 64, and 68, now canceled. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute identical or similar claims in a continuation application.

Objections to the Specification

The Office Action has objected to the abstract. Applicants have amended the abstract by shortening the language. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 74 under § 112 ¶ 2 as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Claim 74 has been amended to refer back to claim 60 which provides antecedent basis for the discharge opening. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action has rejected several claims under § 102(b) but has stated that claims 62 and 67-71 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants would like to thank the Office for the allowable subject matter and have incorporated the elements of claims 61, 64 and 68 into independent claim 54. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims are allowable. Applicants have made these amendments solely to advance prosecution and not to acquiesce to the Office Action's rejections. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims in a continuation application.

Summary

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is kindly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' primary attorney-of-record, Anneliese S. Mayer, at (651) 795-5661, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.



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